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U.S. CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE 373 YOUTH WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

WHAT Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives will honor 373 youth across 39 states at the **2017 Congressional Award Gold Medal Ceremony** in our nation's capital. Recipients of The Congressional Award Gold Medal have earned the highest honor Congress bestows upon a youth civilian.

For a minimum of two years, each Gold Medalist has logged at least 800 hours across four program areas: **Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration**. The 2017 Gold Medal class is the largest in the program's 38 year history.

WHERE The award ceremony will take place in the **U.S. Capitol Visitor Center's Congressional Auditorium**, located on Capitol Hill.

WHEN **Wednesday, June 21, 2017**
Morning Ceremony | 10:00 a.m. | Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon, Utah, & Wyoming.

Afternoon Ceremony | 2:30 p.m. | Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, & West Virginia.

WHO Members of Congress, Gold Medalists and their family/friends, corporate and community leaders, and partnering organizations.

The ceremony will welcome special guests like **CNN's Wolf Blitzer** as Master of Ceremonies, **Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi**, as well as **members of the Senate and House** to present their constituents with the award.

For more information, please visit www.congressionalaward.org. A list of this year's Gold Medalists can be found [here](#). Media inquiries should be sent to Director of Communications, Derek Doyle.

ABOUT
The Congressional Award is U.S. Congress' only charity and the highest honor bestowed upon a young person through the Senate and House. Established by Congress as a public-private partnership in 1979 under Public Law 96-114, the program encourages and recognizes initiative, service, and achievement in youth ages 14-23.

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